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REMARKS

Claims 17-18 and 41-59 remain in this application. Claims 1-16 and 19-40 have been previously cancelled. Claim 45 has been amended.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed study of the application and prior art. Applicant notes the allowance of claims 17 and 18, 41-44 and 53-59. As noted by the Examiner, the primary reason for allowance is the inclusion of the limitation of a currency bill having a currency substrate wherein the pattern, bill specific metallization layer had been inkjet patterned with ink having an etchant or etchant-resistant mask and etched to form a bill specific metallization layer having a pattern. As to claims 53-59, the Examiner notes the inclusion of the limitation of a currency bill having a currency substrate and a bill specific metallization layer adhesively applied on the substrate in which the metallization layer had an inkjet pattern with the ink having an etchant-resistant mask.

Applicant notes the rejection of claims 45-58 and 50-52 as rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,729,365 to Sweatt, and claim 49 as unpatentable over Sweatt in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,506,315 to Ferro.

Applicant has amended claim 45 to stress that the metallization layer is a patterned, bill specific metallization layer and the bill specific metallization layer had been inkjet patterned with the ink having an etchant or etchant-resistant mask and etched to form a bill specific metallization layer having a pattern.

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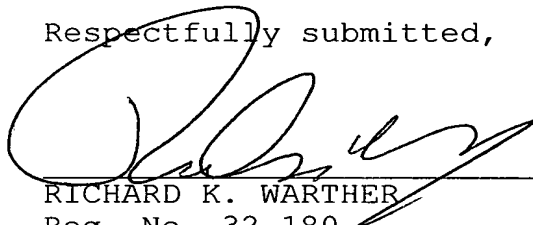
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Applicant also submits U.S. Patent No. 4,879,568 in an Information Disclosure Statement, which had been cited by the Examiner in the last Office Action in copending parent case serial no. 10/368,287, filed February 18, 2003.

Applicant contends that the present case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due.

If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions for placing this case in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,



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